

GSTR-3B RETURN FILING

GSTN, tax officials to urge top 25,000 defaulters to comply

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The GSTN, along with tax officials, hopes to persuade the top 25,000 taxpayers who have defaulted in filing their October GSTR-3B returns by the due date (November 20) to fall in line.

These taxpayers, who have not yet filed their returns, were identified on the basis of last month's data, said informed sources in the Department of Revenue, on condition of anonymity, after a high level review meeting.

Tax officers have been directed to follow up personally

with these defaulters taxpayers to ensure that they file their GSTR-3B returns by November 30.

Reminders to be sent

About 80 lakh GSTR-3B returns have been filed so far this month.

At the meeting, it was directed that all such taxpayers who have not yet filed their returns shall be sent reminders by SMS and e-mail. Also, the GST registration cancellation process could be started for about 5.43 lakh taxpayers who had not filed returns for the last six or more months.

Sources said that the GSTN has also been directed to send 1 lakh SMS and e-mail reminders per day to the taxpayers, partic-



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ularly to the defaulting taxpayers, to file the return in due time. As per GST rules, for the supplies made in the month of October, the GSTR-3B returns were expected to be filed in a staggered manner by 20th, 22nd and 24th November.

Those having turnover above ₹5 crore annually are expected

to file their GSTR-3B by 20th of the month. However, these identified 25,000 top taxpayers are yet to file their returns as on date. In September the GST collection was ₹95,480 crore and in October ₹1.05-lakh crore.

Nationwide drive

In a nation-wide drive against GST fake invoice frauds, the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) and CGST Commissionerates has so far arrested 85 persons for availing or passing on ineligible ITC fraudulently, and have booked 981 cases against more than 3,119 fake GSTIN entities identified across the country.

The drive was launched in the the second week of November.